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1. CONTRARY TO PARA ONE REFTEL ORIGINAL OF BALDESCHWIELER
JUNE 10 LETTER TO BORESKOV RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT JUNE 24
FOR POUCHING. PLEASE TRANSMIT TEXT TO BORESKOV, WITH
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ACADEMICIAN G. K. BORESKOV
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NOVOSIBIRSK, 630090, USSR

DEAR GEORGIY KONSTANTINOVITCH:

I AM VERY SORRY THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE JOINT US-
USSR SYMPOSIUM IN SNOWMASS, COLORADO SINCE JOHN TURKEVICH
HAS ORGANIZED A MAGNIFICENT PROGRAM. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND

THE TIME AND TRAVEL CONSTRAINTS YOU MUST FEEL WITH BOTH THE

CONFERENCE AND THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION
SCHEDULED IN JULY. I EXPECT TO BE AT THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT COMMISSION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

I HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO DR. FRANK
PRESS, WHO WILL BE LEADING THE US SIDE OF THE COMMISSION:

1. THAT THE COMMISSION ACCEPT THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
-- CATALYSIS PROGRAM INTO FOUR GROUPS

- I. HOMOGENEOUS CATALYSIS BY ORGANOMETALLIC
-- COMPOUNDS
- II. CATALYTIC REACTOR MODELING
- III. CHARACTERIZATION OF CATALYTIC MATERIALS BY
-- PHYSICAL METHODS
- IV. DEVELOPMENT OF CATALYTIC SYSTEMS OF APPLIED
-- INTEREST

2. THAT WE RESTRUCTURE TOPIC I TO INCLUDE NEW INDIVIDUALS
-- AND INSTITUTIONS BOTH US AND SOVIET.

I HAVE ASKED PROFESSOR JOHN K. STILLE, DEPARTMENT OF
CHEMISTRY, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT COLLINS,
COLORADO, TO REPLACE JACK HALPERN AS THE US PROJECT
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COORDINATOR FOR TOPIC I. HE IS EXPLORING WITH PRO-
FESSORS GRUBBS, WHITTEN AND SKELL WHETHER THEY WOULD BE
WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

FINALLY I HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE CATALYSIS PROGRAM BE
CONTINUED AT ABOUT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EFFORT, BUT THAT
WE SEEK TO MAKE "ADIABATIC" CHANGES WITHIN OUR TOPICS TO
ENGAGE NEW INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE JOINT
PROGRAM. IN SOME CASES, THE JOINT WORK SPONSORED UNDER
OUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN OF SUFFICIENT SCIENTIFIC VALUE TO THE
INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE
THE EXCHANGE OF RESULTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWS IN THE NORMAL
WAY, WITHOUT CONTINUING OVERVIEW BY THE JOINT COMMISSION.

I HAVE BEEN INVITED BY DR. PRESS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE US SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. I THEREFORE FEEL IT
IS APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO RESIGN AS THE US CHAIRMAN OF THE
CATALYSIS PROGRAM. I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO DR. PRESS THAT
HE CONSIDER VLADIMIR HAENSEL AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE
US WORKING GROUP. I HOPE THAT YOU FIND THESE RECOMMENDA-
TIONS APPROPRIATE, AND WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM AT THE
MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

JOHN D. BALDESCHWIELER
CHAIRMAN
DIVISION OF CHEMISTRY
-- AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CC: DR. KULAKOV
-- MR. ISHCENKO VANCE

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